

Grapevine

Volunteer Recognition Brunch

A generous heart, kind speech, and a life of service and compassion
are the things which renew humanity ... Buddha

Photo by Nancy Bueno

Living at the Veterans Home of California in Yountville – April 27, 2007

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From the desk of the Administrator ...

Last week, the Home received our annual survey by the Department of Health Services (DHS). This, and our annual survey by the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) constitute our “report card” on how we are doing in our mission to provide quality health care services to our members. Although the survey is clinically focused, it provides valuable feedback on the overall performance of our entire organization, from food service to plant operations to activities. The survey is also not a “one-time” assessment, since the surveyors have access to our performance data over time, and records of previous

survey results and actions we have taken to improve through our plans of correction. The positive report that we received at the end of the survey team’s visit last week is a validation that we continue to learn and grow as an organization, and that we are getting better at supporting each other to accomplish our mission.

The Home’s Nursing Service is particularly noteworthy in setting the standard for the facility in patient-centered care. Our Quality Management committee system provides the structure for evaluating our performance in both clinical and support services, and making corrections on an ongoing basis. Leadership in this effort comes from many places, but I would like to particularly congratulate Echo Connell, SN II, (ably assisted by Claudia Luque) for taking a strong lead role in coordinating our Quality assessment and improvement efforts. Our new Quality Assurance manager, Georgia Anderson, will be joining them to make our Quality team even stronger in the future.

Congratulations to everyone for a positive survey outcome. It is just the most recent validation of how good you really are.

Great Report on DHS Survey



I know the staff at Yountville work hard on a day to day basis to give great care, to serve great food, to give great service and keep the facilities clean and operational. So, please pass along my thanks to the Doctors, Nurses, Nursing Assistants, Therapists, Pharmacy team, Food Service personnel, Housekeeping and Maintenance, Social Workers, Professional Dept. Techs (lab, x-ray), office and support staff and all those that insure that we honor our veterans with our best efforts. Thanks to all of the staff we had a great DHS sur-

vey with no quality of care deficiencies and only minor areas of improvement noted. Thank you for your leadership of this effort. *Tom Johnson, Secretary*

Volunteer Recognition Brunch Over 100,000 Hours of Dedicated Service for 2006

Story by Lou Zauner; Photos by Nancy Bueno, Neil Remnant, Lou Zauner

The exact number is 107,029 reported hours of Volunteer Service in 2006 performed by over 250 dedicated volunteers from Home Members, Staff, members of the community and dozens of devoted groups and organizations. Recognition of this immense service took place in the Hospital Recreation Area, Tuesday, April 17, beginning at 10 am.



*Susan Heims,
Volunteer
Services
Coordinator*



The Recognition Program included a special brunch courtesy of Compadres with service and hospitality provided by Administration Staff and Therapeutic Activities Staff. The sumptuous fare consisted of fruit salad, bacon, two types of scrambled eggs, fried potatoes, chili verde with rice, enchilda, French toast, cookies, cinnamon crisps, ice tea, orange juice and wine.

Susan Heims, Volunteer Services Coordinator, presented the opening greetings and Bart Buechner, Deputy Administrator, continued the program as Master of Ceremonies. Marcella McCormack, Administrator, welcomed the gathering of over 100 guests and presented the awards. A video of historic and emotion-evoking pictures of the Home; and priceless photographs of "Women At War" and "Women in Military Service" was shown to add to the richness of the Program.



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Marcella McCormack, Administrator, presents "Volunteer of the Year" to John Stumbaugh.

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John Stumbaugh received the Award for Volunteer of the Year; Volunteer Group of the Year award went to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 702; the Humanitarian Award was given to Michael Coen (author of the video); and the Quality of Life Award to Edward Burgle

A once-a-year Recognition for the tremendous volunteer services these many dedicated people provide is hardly enough to thank them for the enormous numbers of hours that they generously contribute to make life superlative at the Veterans Home, Yountville.

Bart Buechner, Deputy Administrator, (left) and Susan Heims, Volunteer Services Coordinator, (right) present "Volunteer Group of the Year" to John Mellquist and Tom Fisk who represent the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 702.



Sharyl Golway, Occupational Therapy, and Nancy Abruzzini, Volunteer Services. We hear that Nancy will be leaving us soon. Nancy, you will certainly be missed!



Volunteer Home Member Helper Wes McGirr of KVET TV captures the celebration on video.



Volunteer Home Member Helper Lou Zauner checks the photo. Sorry, we couldn't "trap" Nancy Bueno, Neil Remnant or Chris Williams - also Volunteer Home Member Helpers for the Grapevine.



Senate Committee Approves Wiggins Bills for Veterans

Sacramento – the State Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs has approved a pair of bills by Senator Patricia Wiggins (D – Santa Rosa) designed to help improve the quality of care and services offered to California veterans.

By identical 5-0 votes, the Committee approved Wiggins' SB 560, to initiate an independent analysis of the quality of services provided to blind and visually-impaired residents of the state's Veterans Homes, and SB 565, to create the position of a hospital administrator for the Veterans Home in Yountville.

SB 560 would request the non-partisan Legislative Analyst to assess services for the blind and visually impaired at California's three Veterans Homes and submit a report to the Legislature and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

In her testimony before the committee, Wiggins noted that the state currently operates three Veterans Homes, in Yountville, Barstow and Chula Vista.

"These homes range in age from seven years old to 123 years old, but they all have one thing in common — the complaints I have received from visually impaired residents," Wiggins said. Those complaints range from safety issues and paperwork they can't read to not knowing what food they are putting on their dinner plates.

"The issues facing the visually impaired are unique," she added, "but many of the solutions are not difficult."

The Senator's second measure, SB 565, would establish the position of hospital and health services director to administer and coordinate the medical care and personnel for all the facilities on the Yountville campus.

Wiggins stressed that her legislation should not be interpreted as a criticism of the administration at the Yountville Home, which offers a wide range of medical services and residential care, including skilled nursing and general acute care.

"Yountville is the only Veterans Home in California with its own hospital," Wiggins says, "which includes an emergency room, a pharmacy and a new Alzheimer's/dementia unit. What it doesn't have is an administrator to oversee hospital and health services, and I am fully convinced that it needs one."



CATS is coming to the Lincoln Theater

Signup for Home Member tickets will start on Tuesday, May 1st at the Activities Office in the Member Services Building (Rec Center). Signup for tickets to this very popular musical will be available through Friday, May 4th.

If the number of signups exceed the number of available tickets, a lottery will determine the lucky winners.



B-I-N-G-O

Bingo Is Its Name

By Chris Williams



AmVets Saturday evening Bingo draws a dedicated crowd for the 5 pm warm-up and the 5:30 games. Eagerness, anticipation, ... and a little prayer fill Grant Hall. "There are about forty players," says Dick Hum. "We can always fit in more." Apparently you would become part of a tradition. "I've been coming for years," one player smiled.

About ten volunteers keep the games running smoothly, and snacks and refreshment are at the ready. Jane Hum, "the hostess with the mostest," circulates with bags of popcorn so players can concentrate on their cards. Concentrate they do while Mel Cheney calls the numbers and Wes McGirr verifies the winners. With a bus waiting to return you to your residence, an evening of AmVets Bingo will give you an entertaining time. Bring your friends and make a night of it.

below: Neil Remant, John Kinney and Jane Hum sold the various Bingo cards to the players.



above right: Lucky winner Bev Anglin.

left: Mel Cheney called the "numbers" and Wes McGirr checked the cards of the winners.

right: Betty McTee and Shirley Doughty.





"Hi, Shirley Coen! I'll talk to Wes about checking your card if you'll just give me a bite of that sandwich ... but please don't tell Chris," says Brandy.



Rose Brooke was the evening's first Bingo winner.



Mel Cheney has the honor of paying the \$50 Winner Myra Strehlow.



Dick Hum and Neil Remnant



AMVETS Post 107 BINGO!

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT

Open to the Public
Vets Home in Yountville
Grant Hall, Recreation Center

EARLY BIRD GAME 5:00 PM
17 REGULAR GAMES BEGIN AT 5:30 PM

GUARANTEED \$50 PRIZE ON:
GAME 16 - BONANZA
GAME 17 - D/A BLACKOUT
FREE BIRTHDAY PACKS

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COME ONE, COME ALL!
~ TELL YOUR FRIENDS ~

Elk's Bus Langdon fulfills another "Wish List" Request

By Lou Zauner



Residents of Section A pose behind the new BBQ grill that Bus Langdon presented to Vickie Allen & Kathy Pulliam (Section Leader at A)

Section A, Lincoln Hall, needed a large barbecue unit for the outdoor picnic and dining pleasure of its residents, and sent the "wish list" order to Activity Center Manager Vickie Allen. Having worked with Bus Langdon during a 16-year period she knew the wish would be fulfilled.

At 11 am on April 20th an elegant barbecue unit with a multitude of appropriate supplies (retailing at over \$500) was delivered to the front

entrance of Lincoln Hall. Aiding in the unloading were the strong arms and hands of a number of eager-awaiting Section A residents.

Bus Langdon has been the benefactor of hundreds of "wish list" gifts to the Veterans Home for nearly two decades. He is the Elks Veterans Administration Service Representative for the Elks Grand Lodge National Foundation and receives funds from the Foundation specifically for expenditures for the Veterans Home at Yountville.

Bus Langdon's feeling for the Home runs deep and he shows his concern in every way by taking care of the needs and wishes of Home Members. Bus' father, George Langdon, was a veteran of the Spanish American War. During the 1930's Great Depression George needed serious medical care and it was provided to him at no cost Holderman Hospital. Upon his death a burial and funeral service of grand proportions, including a band and caissons, was given to the elder Langdon in the Home Cemetery.

Our appreciation and sincere thanks go to Bus for being a gracious host at the Napa Elks Lodge special dinners and other events and for all the generosity you have shown to our Home over the years on behalf of the Grand Lodge National Foundation.

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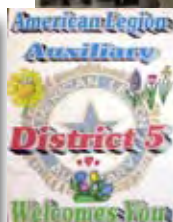
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Dec	14, 28	7, 21

American Legion's Spring Fling opens the Season's Door

By Lou Zauner

It's the beginnings of picnic and barbecue time, and the American Legion's District 5 Auxiliary started the action with its annual Spring Fling at the Hospital Recreation Area, Sunday April 15th at 1:30.



While John "Squeaky" Bolner (at left) entertained the crowd of over 100 Home Members, Hospital Residents, Staff and guests with his piano expertise; the incomparable array of cookies, cakes pies and ice cream greeted the guests at the large assembled tables. Pastry patrons couldn't ask for more. A numerous variety of a dozen different cookies, brownies, fruit cake, and at least four other kinds of cakes were ready to be in hand.

The numerous District 5 Auxiliary Volunteers also handed out their generous small envelopes of large \$5 bills. What a thoughtful gift to so many!

Thank you again, District 5 American Legion Auxiliary for your devoted annual "Spring Fling" that brings good cheer with the promise of more to come to our Home Members.

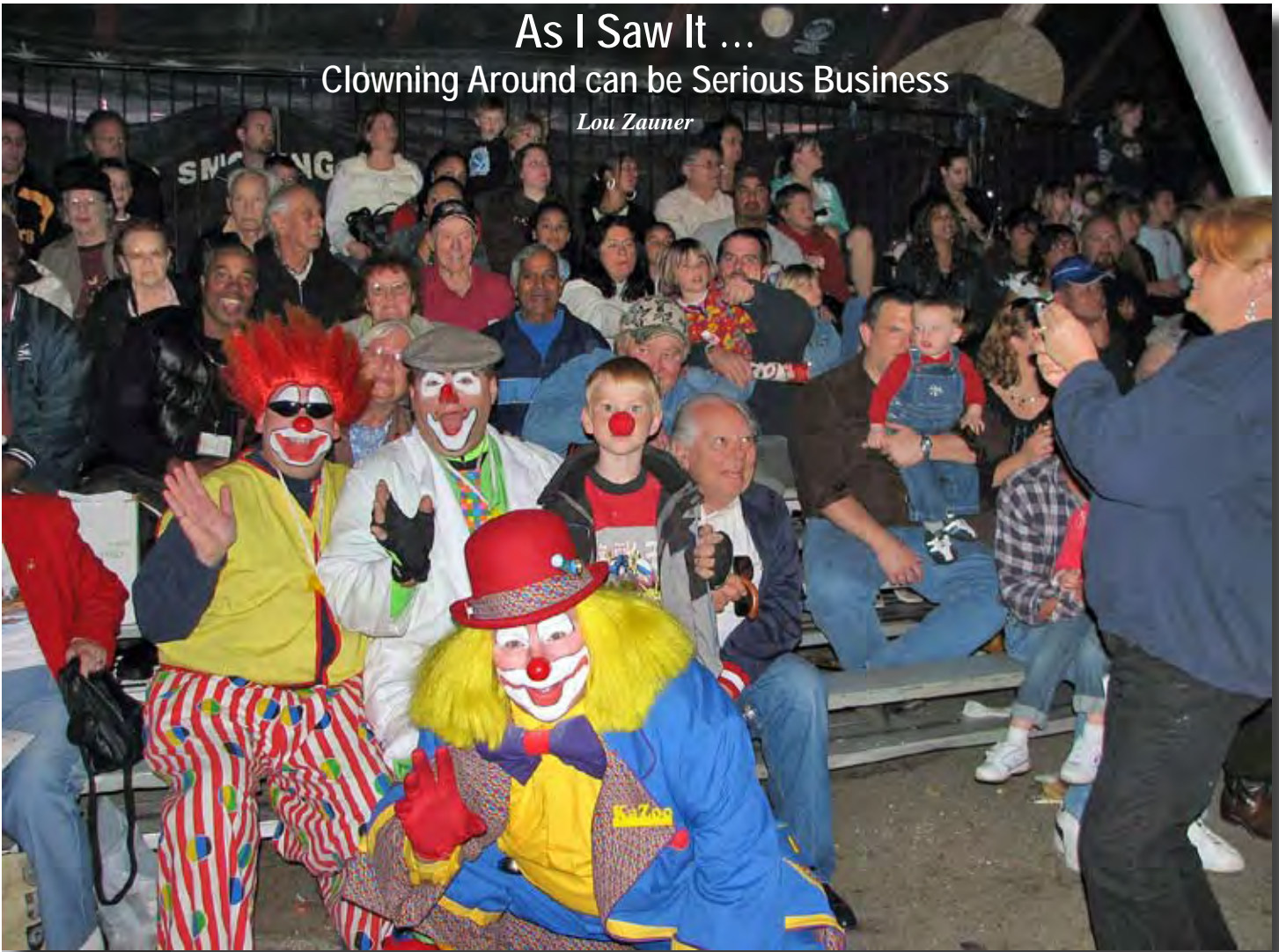


Pat Anderson, 5th District American Legion Hospital Representative; Kelli Germeraad, 5th District President, American Legion Auxiliary; Ann Wolf, Volunteer ALA.



As I Saw It ... Clowning Around can be Serious Business

Lou Zauner



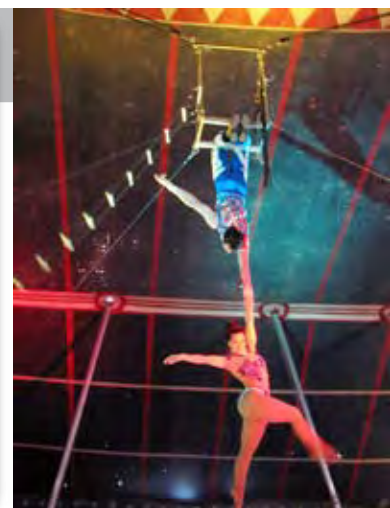
And “clowning around” is just what 20 of us Home Members and two drivers did on Saturday morning, April 21, when we attended the Shrine Circus at Cal Expo in Sacramento. And serious business it was too in watching sensational entertainment from 11 am to 1 pm. Keeping your eyes on fast action in a three-ring circus doesn’t allow much time for mind-wandering. Bag lunches prepared by the Dining Hall and soft drinks brought to us in the stands during the performances took care of the noon meal.

It must be seventy years since I last attended a circus ... and, no, they didn’t have dinosaurs in the animal acts then! ... but I still have great recollections of the excitement a circus can generate. This one did it all – clowns, animal tamers, jugglers, aerial acts, “death-defying” thrill stunts and elephants! The elephants trained and presented under the superb direction of Mr. Ramon Esqueda are

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The Shrine Circus raises over \$10,000 a day for the 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children, a world-class network of pediatric specialty hospitals located throughout the US, Canada and Mexico, and includes the Shriners Hospitals for Children-Northern California located in Sacramento.

The clowns of the circus are the members of the shrine. When the “circus is in town” near a local Shriners Hospital, they visit and entertain the children in the hospital.



“ponderous pachyderms that perform with perfection.” The opening announcement for the Jordan World Circus Performing Elephants reads, “As your grandfather used to say,” (that’s now us) “Hold your horses, here come the elephants!”

The opening acts included a clown on a small bicycle (Ari) who did everything with but the laundry on that two-wheeled bit of rubber and metal. Forward, backwards, upwards, sideways and converting to a unicycle; one can’t believe how much can he accomplished with so little. And then the remarkable animal acts – the lions and tigers (behaving like oversized pet kittens) and bears (Oh, my!) going through their “no-hands beared” routine (you just knew I had to throw that in). And in another ring a doggie act, which included a “high-flying” canine leaping from a thirty-foot perch down to his trainer holding a cloth net.

There was no shortage of incredible acts of daring either, such as Winn’s Strata Cycle – a motorcycle and two riders perched high on a cable above. In addition to whizzing back and forth, it went upside down and around the cable with motorcycle and riders still in the air. And, the amazing Asante who stacked six chairs on top of four bottles of wine and then did a handstand on this precarious perch some 35-feet high. You had to see it to believe it.



There was so much more! Something for everybody! A great show! Our sincere thanks and appreciation go to the Ben Ali Shriners who so generously welcomed us to their 83rd Annual Circus ant to the Activities Department for arranging it.

Oh yes, there were also a few reptiles on hand for petting. I learned one thing taking a picture with a 30-pound boa constrictor: for a smile you say “squeeze.”

Vincent introduces “Alli” to Home Member Ben Franklin.





❀ Paws with Brandy ❀

Joining the Fight

Doesn't it feel good, dearies, to be part of something bigger than you are? Something you know is important?

Cathy Vincent continues to lead the staff in their projects to raise funds for The American Cancer Society, and she's let me join them. They just had a bake sale, and you should have seen the goodies! I hoped someone would buy Chief Helmuth's strawberry and blueberry extravaganza and share with me, but they whisked it right away. Some people are so selfish.

I got to contribute, though. The first shipment of the Yountville Veterans Home Cookbook went on sale, and my recipe was included. Maybe that's why they sold out so quickly. Another supply will arrive in a week or two, and I'll let you know how to get them. So many employees and residents contributed favorite dishes that you can find almost anything. A cookbook would be a great surprise gift to send your family and friends, and it would give them an idea of what we're like here. Why, the secret of Jessen Jambalaya is worth the \$10, and the ambitious can try Dan Middleton's Gyra Pitas made with leg of lamb and sirloin. Meat stuffed with meat -- my kind of recipe.

Employees will have several more events to benefit the Cancer Society's Relay for Life, including a raffle, another Poker Walk and a silent auction. I'm good at getting what I want at those, so I'm looking forward to that. I expect the cookbook will be their biggest success, though. After all, Yountville is famous for its food.

Darlings, my weight is up again. I've become a yo-yo dieter, and that isn't good. I'm walking quite a bit, so it's just a matter of too many calories in. Guess it's best I missed the baked goodies. But, oh, that cheesecake. Sigh. ❀

Cookbooks, cookies and cakes! What a treat! Gay Sherman (left) peruses the Yountville Veterans Home Cookbook while Nancy Abruzzini (right) sells some goodies to Floyd Mattern.



Thank you ...

I would like to thank everyone for making our Relay For Life Bake Sale a huge success. We were able to raise \$450.00 to help the American Cancer Society in their fight to find a cure for cancer!!!

Thanks to all the volunteers for their help setting-up and during the sale. Of course we wouldn't have been successful without the donations of all the yummy goodies. Thanks to the staff and members who supported our efforts by coming out to buy our delicious treats.

We have sold out the first shipment of the Yountville Veterans Home cookbooks. We are expecting about 450 more cookbooks within the next 2-3 weeks!! The response to the cookbook so far has been very positive!

We are continuing to take orders for the cookbooks. Please contact Cathy Sapata if you would like to reserve your copy/copies.

We'll keep you informed on our upcoming events: Poker walk, silent auction, raffle baskets and possibly another bake sale.

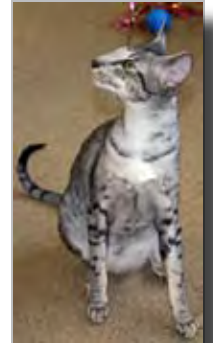
Each year when Relay season comes along, I get comments from staff and members about how their life has been touched by cancer. It is difficult to hear when family, fellow staff, friends and members are diagnosed with cancer. We pray for them in their fight against this terrible disease and are sad when they lose their battle with cancer. Let's continue the fight to find a cure for cancer. We look forward to your continued support.

Cathy Vincent, Team Captain

"There is no finish line until there is a cure."



Ahem! Brandy, I have a recipe in the book too! Just look for "Mouse Mousse."



May Events	
May 5	Santa Rosa Simulcast <i>Kentucky Derby</i>
May 6	Rivercats vs. Tucson
May 9	S.F. Giants vs. N.Y. Mets
May 12	A's vs. Cleveland
May 19	A's vs. Giants (Oakland)
May 24	Rivercats vs. Salt Lake
May 31	Pinochle Tournament

Bernard's Sports

Tournament Results

The winners of the March 28th Pinochle Tournament are – third place, Dan Goodman and John Hepp; second place, Jerry Massey and Bob Thompson; and the new champs are Leo Ned and Steve Springston.

News from the Vets Home Video Library

More donations DVD's and tapes have arrived in the Video Library thanks to Home Members George Uglean from Section E, Al Bronstein from Section D and P Maier from Section C



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Bernard Madkins, Charlie Otterson, Emily Willetts, Jockey Chad Schvaneveldt, Ben Franklin, Lou Collier, Jim Looney

Bay Meadows Racing

On April 7th Home Members who attended the historic Bay Meadows Race Track for live horse racing had a wonderful time and enjoyed the great service at the track.

Bay Meadows, founded in 1934, is the longest continually operating thoroughbred racetrack in California. The track has a one-mile dirt oval and a seven-furlong turf oval. Seating capacity is 12,000 and there are stables for 900 horses.

Some of the world's most famous race horses have been seen at Bay Meadows, such as *Seabiscuit*, the legendary stallion (from sire *Hard Tack* and grandsire *Man O' War*) who won the 1937 and 1938 *Bay Meadows Breeders' Cup Handicap* and later the *Triple Crown*.

Because the track was unable to get an extension on replacing the track surface, Bay Meadows is scheduled to close all racing after November 4th, the end of its summer-fall racing season. Plans for the property have not yet been announced.



Fragments of World War II Shards of Glass

By Chris Williams

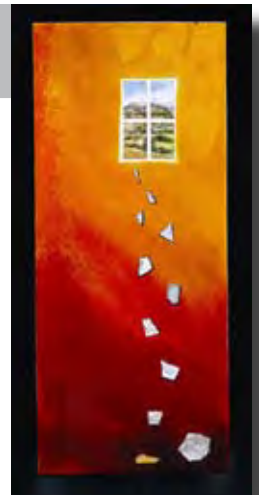
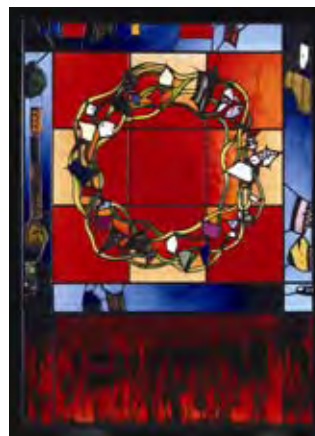
A U. S. Army chaplain, Frederick McDonald, traveled throughout Europe in the aftermath of World War II and was stricken by the destruction of sacred places. As he stood in the ruins of churches and cathedrals, remnants of their glowing stained glass windows littered the wreckage around him. He began bending over, collecting pieces of the colored glass, putting them in envelopes and mailing them to his mother at home. Fifty-five years later, thirteen different artists incorporated the shards into a collection of twenty-five works in various media.

The collection was exhibited at the Presidio of San Francisco where the Main Post Interfaith Chapel will become their permanent home. The pieces range from a 9 x 14 inch glass book to a 31 x 30 inch crown of thorns in antique glass with shards from the Cathedral of St. Stephen in Metz, France.

Fifteen residents from the Veterans Home traveled to the Presidio to spend a contemplative hour with the collection which has been titled "Remembered Light." They then went to the Interfaith Chapel which will incorporate the exhibit into its permanent structure. The walls of the chapel already glow with stained glass windows depicting themes from World War II. The works begun by the Rev. McDonald will close the circle.



left: Some windows took inspiration from old photographs of Chaplain McDonald in the ruins of the churches.



The Flying Fortress

A Legend Returns ... Well, Two Actually

By Chris Williams



Aluminum Overcast proudly carries the colors of the 398th Bomb Group of World War II, which flew hundreds of missions over Nazi-held territory during the war. Aluminum Overcast commemorates B-17G #42-102515 which was shot down on its 34th combat mission over Le Manior, France, on August 13, 1944. Veterans of the 398th helped finance the bomber's restoration.



Spend your money on experiences, not things. The memory will stay with you longer.

Then and now - James "Woody" Woods. Left, enjoying his passion and right with his B-17 crew. Woody is in the bottom row far left.

The sound is unmistakable. Pulses will quicken, and residents will hurry out to search the sky. The mighty B-17 will roar up the valley May 7th through 9th as flights are offered from Napa Airport. Named *Aluminum Overcast*, the plane will be open for walk-throughs and you may purchase tickets for a half-hour flight over the Napa valley.

Many residents will ask, "What is that?" but the sound will be a familiar one to James Woods. He spent WWII commanding B-17s and trained many other pilots as well. When the larger, more powerful B-29 appeared toward the end of the war, he adjusted ... reluctantly. "It just wasn't the same," he grumbles.

The B-17, workhorse of World War II, was nicknamed "The Flying Fortress" because of its formidable array of thirteen .50 caliber machine guns. B-17s of the Eighth Air Force, stationed in England, flew many of its countless missions over Europe without fighter escort because of its self-defense capability. It endeared itself to its crews because of its ability to return home despite heavy damage.

Jim Woods is an avid golfer now and has many memories of his time on the Fortress. Stop him on the way to the golf course and ask. He recommends the flight in the Fortress which is less expensive if you buy your ticket ahead. Call Janette Eubank at 944-4938.



Movin' On Up Comcast Offers More Services

By Chris Williams

Comcast came onto the grounds for two days to offer TV cable upgrades and high speed internet connections. Sales representative Tobi Kornder had technicians at the ready to install needed equipment immediately. So many options are available that you need the help of a representative to guide you through the choices. Reach one by calling 1-800-COMCAST.



If you spring for a high definition television set you can enjoy their HDTV with ten times the resolution of your old one. ON DEMAND offers a library of movies and shows to watch whenever you choose. Their DVR allows you to record and play back any of their shows, even an entire season if you want.

A steady stream of residents made their way to Comcast's Hummer parked outside the dining hall, many to obtain their high-speed internet service. You will find a description of the advantages by going to www.comcast.net.



Napa Valley Symphony

Welcome to a Napa Valley Tradition...

Saturday May 26
8:00 pm

Wine Country Pops: Neil Sedaka

Join us for an evening with a rock and pop music pioneer, Neil Sedaka and the Napa Valley Symphony.



April 27, 2007



The Napa Valley Museum presents ...

Northern Views: California Painting in the Plein Air Tradition May 4 through July 8

An opening reception will take place on Friday May 4 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the museum. On Saturday, May 5 from 3:00 to 4:30 PM, Mr. Jean Stern, Executive Director, The Irvine Museum, will present a lecture entitled “One Hundred Years of Plein Air Painting in California.”

A companion exhibition will be on view at the I. Wolk Gallery in St. Helena from May 5 through July 17. The I. Wolk Gallery will host an opening reception on Saturday, May 5 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at their 1354 Main Street gallery.

Northern Views is the Napa Valley Museum’s third plein air exhibition, a juried show of artworks interpreting Northern California’s landscape and environment by contemporary artists from throughout California. The Museum received nearly 250 submissions. Jurors Kenn Backhaus and Kevin Mc Pherson, past presidents of the Plein Air Painters of America, and Jean Stern selected the 72 featured paintings.

Many of the top plein air painters in California will be represented working in a variety of media, including oil, pastel and watercolor. Artists include Brian Blood, Randall C. Sexton, Kim Lordier, Steven Markhoff, Camille Przewodek and Robin Purcell.

In the strictest sense, the term plein air refers to paintings that are completed entirely on-site outdoors. However, in the context of the artistic origins of the term plein air, the governing sense is the effect and style that the painting creates. Therefore, entries to the exhibition were either done completely outdoors or they may have started in the outdoors and been finished in the studio.

The Napa Valley Museum is a private, nonprofit institution, located in scenic Yountville at 55 Presidents Circle adjacent to Domaine Chandon. The Museum is dedicated to providing unique experiences that enrich the cultural fabric of our community through changing and permanent exhibitions and educational programs. The Museum is open daily, except Tuesday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Admission is \$4.50 for Adults; \$3.50 for Students/Seniors; \$2.50 for Youth 7-17; and Children under seven are admitted free. Mondays are free. For additional information, please visit www.napavalleymuseum.org or call 707.944.0500.

Art Exhibit Review

By James B. Musson, Napa Valley Museum Volunteer, Veterans Home Member

There is just enough time to “Take a Chance on Art,” but you will have to hurry – Saturday, April 28th is your last chance. Here is how it works. Buy a \$5 ticket (or several) at the entrance counter of the museum. Write your name and phone number on each ticket. There are 51 works of art donated by Napa Valley artists on display, make your selection(s) and deposit your ticket(s) in the respective container(s). Retain the duplicate part to make your winning claim.

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LINCOLN Theater

Sat, Apr 28
8:00 pm

The Fab Four What would you give to spend an evening with the Beatles? With uncanny note-for-note live renditions and performances of Beatles' songs, The Fab Four will take you back to every era of the band, and make you think you are watching the real thing. Fans will trip down Penny Lane, take a spin in a Yellow Submarine and close their eyes to Imagine. You won't believe your eyes and ears, and we dare you to try not to sing along.



Fri, May 18
8:00 pm

25th Anniversary Tour of CATS presented in Association with Artbeat Since its opening in London in 1982, Cats has been presented in more than 250 cities in over twenty countries – and now it comes to the heart of the Napa Valley. To celebrate Lincoln Theater's 50th Anniversary season, we are delighted to bring the 25th Anniversary production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's best-loved Broadway hit. Whether seeing it for the first time, or reliving the memory, you're sure to enjoy every minute of this seven-time Tony winner.



Sat, May 19
3:00 pm

Sat, May 19
8:00 pm

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Although you do not need to be present to win, you will want to be present at the Napa Valley Museum for the live music, wine and hors d'oeuvres from 4:00 to 6:00 pm on Saturday.

The following four (in no particular order) may catch your eye as they did mine:

- *Queen of the Meadow*, a bronze by Miles Metzger; *Flora #2*, an archival pigment ink, digital image by Ron Rogers,
- *Early Snowfall, Northern Nevada*, an archival Epson print by Faith Echtermeyer,
- *Vineyards in the Snow*, a photograph by Vi Bottaro.

Take a Chance on Art T-shirts are available for \$10 each.

Home members, with their blue card, have free entry to the exhibit area. Home members who would like a free lifetime museum membership with additional benefits should apply at the Allied Council Office.

The museum is open from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Wednesday through Monday. Every Monday is a free day for all.

**sign up
early**



Residential Care Special Events

Sign up early! Activities can fill quickly. All activities are subject to change due to bus and driver availability.

April 2007

Date	Time	Event	Bus	Site	Signup
28 Sat	9:15 am	Fairfield Mall	MBS		Yes
	8:00 pm	"The Fab Four"		LT	Yes
29 Sun	9:00 am	Oakland Zoo	MBS		Yes

May 2007

5 Sat	9:30 am	Kentucky Derby Simulcast			Yes
6 Sun	10:00 am	Sacramento Rivercats vs. Tucson	MBS		Yes
9 Wed	9:00 am	Allied Council		GH	
	10:00 am	SF Giants vs. NY Mets	MBS		Yes
10 Thu	10:00 am	Remembrance Service		Chp	
11 Fri	10:00 am	Honoring Comedians		LL	
	1:30 pm	Step into Fitness		GH	
12 Sat	10:00 am	Oakland A's vs. Cleveland	MBS		Yes
	11:00 am	DAV Picnic		1C/1D	
	2:00 pm	Poets & Writers		LL	
18 Fri	8:00 pm	Cats		LT	Yes
19 Sat	8:30 am	Cemetery Cleanup		VHC	
	3:00 pm	Cats		LT	Yes
	4:00 pm	Oakland A's vs. Giants	MBS		Yes

Borman Field Baseball Schedule

Date	Time	Host	Teams
April			
Sat 28	12:30 pm	--	--
	3:30 pm	--	--
Sun 29	10:00 am	NVBC	NVBC 14's vs. Claim Jumpers (Sacramento)
	1:30 pm		NVBC 14's vs. Claim Jumpers (Sacramento)
May			
Tue 1	5:00 pm	--	--
Thu 3	5:00 pm	--	--
Sat 5	12:30 pm	NVBC	NVBC 14's vs. North Bay Blaze (Fairfield)
	3:30 pm		NVBC 14's vs. North Bay Blaze (Fairfield)
Sun 6	10:00 am	--	--
	1:30 pm	--	--
Tue 8	5:00 pm	--	--
Thu 10	5:00 pm	--	--
Sat 12	12:30 pm	NVBC	NVBC 13's vs. Benicia Bay Sox (Benicia)
	3:30 pm		NVBC 13's vs. Benicia Bay Sox (Benicia)
Sun 13	10:00 am	NVBC	NVBC 14's vs. Balz Out (Rodeo)
	1:30 pm		NVBC 14's vs. Balz Out (Rodeo)

May 14 through May 29 – Field closed for changeover

Week 4 (D)

05, 2007

Main Dining Room Menu

April 29 thru May

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>B</i> <i>R</i> <i>E</i>	Assorted Juices Hot and Cold Cereals	Assorted Juices Hot and Cold Cereals	Assorted Juices Hot and Cold Cereals	Assorted Juices Hot and Cold Cereals	Assorted Juices Hot and Cold Cereals	Assorted Juices Hot and Cold Cereals	Assorted Juices Hot and Cold Cereals
<i>A</i> <i>K</i> <i>F</i> <i>A</i> <i>S</i> <i>T</i>	Sausage Gravy w/Biscuit	Fried Eggs Corned Beef Hash English Muffin	Omelets Salsa Breakfast Potatoes Bacon Toast	Creamed Chipped Beef w/Biscuit	Cinnamon French Toast w/Syrup Sausage Links Milk/Coffee/Tea	Fried Eggs Bacon Hash Browns English Muffins Milk/Coffee/Tea	Belgian Waffles Sausage Milk/Coffee/Tea
<i>L</i> <i>U</i> <i>N</i> <i>C</i> <i>H</i>	Beef Brisket with Gravy Green Bean Medley Garlic Mashed Potatoes Roll Apple Cobbler	Chicken Parmesan Buttered Noodles Italian Mixed Vegetables Bread Ice Cream	Shrimp Scampi Peas Wild Rice French Bread Lemon Meringue Pie	Pork Loin Au Jus Seasoned French Cut Green Beans Ranch Style Beans Bread Cherry Crisp	Teriyaki Beef Asparagus Jasmine Rice Bread Tapioca Pudding	Baked Cod Fillet Garlic Mashed Broccoli Bread Ice Cream	Pork Carnitas w/ <i>Cinco de Mayo</i> Pica De Gallo Mediterranean Blend Vegetables Refried Beans Bread Flan
<i>S</i> <i>U</i> <i>P</i> <i>P</i> <i>E</i> <i>R</i>	Squash Soup Surimi Salad w lettuce & tomato Mini Croissant # Strawberry Parfait	Monaco Marinated Salad Hot Dog With or without Chili Grated Cheese Chopper Onions w/all the fixings Fresh Cantaloupe	Beef & Provolone Sandwich on Hoogie Roll Cucumber Onion Salad Tropical Fruit Salad	Breaded Chicken Fillet w/Country Gray Peas & Onions Red Roasted Potatoes Bread Fresh Grapes	Hearty Vegetable Soup Ham & Cheese on French Bread Peach Halves	BBQ Beef Ribs Capri Vegetables Butternut Squash Bread Cinnamon Spiced Aplesauce	Old Fashioned Beef Stew Zucchini Winter Mix Biscuit Apricots

Breakfast: 6:30-8:00 Continental Breakfast: 8:00-9:00

Lunch: 11:00-1:00

Supper: 4:00-6:00

Approved By: Pat

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**Week 1 (A)
thru 12, 2007**

Main Dining Room Menu

May 6

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
B R E A K F A S T	Assorted Juices Hot and Cold Cereals Cheese Omelet Sausage Link Biscuit	Assorted Juices Hot and Cold Cereals Fried Eggs Corned Beef Hash English Muffin	Assorted Juices Hot and Cold Cereals Omelets Salsa Breakfast Potatoes Bacon Cinnamon Roll	Assorted Juices Hot and Cold Cereals Creamed Chipped Beef W/Biscuit	Assorted Juices Hot and Cold Cereals Cinnamon French Toast W/Syrup Sausage Links Milk/Coffee/Tea	Assorted Juices Hot and Cold Cereals Fried Eggs Bacon Hash Browns English Muffins Milk/Coffee/Tea	Assorted Juices Hot and Cold Cereals Scrambled Eggs With Potatoes Sausage Milk/Coffee/Tea
L U N C H	Pot Roast w/Gravy Seasoned Carrots Mashed Potatoes Bread Chocolate Cake	Spaghetti with Italian Meat Sauce Parmesan Cheese California Mixed Vegetables Garlic Bread Ice Cream	Spinach Salad Sausage w/grilled Onions & Peppers With/without Bun Pineapple	Meatloaf w/Gravy w/Italian Green Beans Baked Potato W/Sour Cream Bread Chilled Cherries	Tossed Salad Enchiladas Spanish Rice Capri Style Vegetables Refried Beans Flan	Citrus Salmon w/ Tartar Sauce Green Beans Scalloped Potatoes Bread Ice Cream	Corned Beef Seasoned Cabbage, Baby Carrots & Onions Boiled Potatoes Rye Bread Fresh Grapes
S U P P E R	Knickerbocker Bean Soup Marinated Beets Turkey Pastrami with Provolone On Marbled Rye Strawberry Peach Gelatin Cup	Coconut Tilapia W/Mango & Papaya Brown Rice Green Beans Bread Tropical Fruit	Sweet-n-Sour Chicken Mandarin Vegetables Jasmine Rice Asia Blushing Pears	Macadamia Mahi Mahi Pacific Blend Vegetables Wild Rice Northern Cornbread Coconut Cream Pie	Split Pea Soup Escalloped Chicken & Noodles Broccoli Bread Fresh Strawberries	Coleslaw Hamburger with or without Cheese all the Fixings French Fries Corn Chilled Apricots	Oven Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes Peas Bread Pumpkin Pie

Supper: 4:00-6:00

Lunch: 11:00-1:00

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MOVIE NIGHT IN GRANT HALL



Fri, Apr 27 – “Happy Feet”

A new (2006) animated musical comedy features singing and dancing penguins. This is a new, fun movie for all ages. Robin Williams and Nicole Kidman provide some of the voices. An above average entertainment. Academy Award winner – “Best Animated Film.”

Wed, May 2 – “Giant” [part 1]

A 1956 drama stars Elizabeth Taylor, Rock Hudson, James Dean, Carroll Baker, Jane Withers, Chill Wills, Mercedes McCambridge, Dennis Hopper and Sal Mineo. Based on Edna Ferber’s novel about two generations of Texas cattle barons and newly rich oil tycoons. Top notch acting by an all-star cast. Dean’s last film. George Stevens won a “Best Director” academy award—one of ten Oscar nominations for the film. Shown in two parts because of length. ☆☆☆☆



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Fri, May 4 – “Giant” [part 2]



Wed, May 9 – “A Streetcar Named Desire”

A 1951 film production of Tennessee Williams’ play stars Marlon Brando, Vivien Leigh, Kim Hunter and Karl Malden. This was one of Brando’s outstanding performances as Stanley Kowalski and Leigh’s memorable Blanch Dubois. Oscars went to Leigh, Malden and Hunter for her “Stella.” Directed by Elia Kazan. ☆☆☆☆

Fri, May 11 – “The Queen”

A new (2006) release stars Helen Mirren as the present Queen of England during the period of the 1997 death of former Princess Diana. This is a well crafted bio-pic about

the interaction within the royal family and world-wide. Nominated for six academy awards including “Best Picture” with Mirren winner of “Best Actress” Oscar. ☆☆☆½



MOVIE SPECIAL

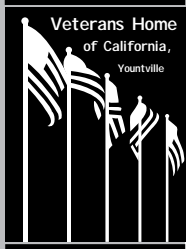
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